

## ARTICLE IX

### **Credentials Required in Licensing Dental or Dental Hygiene License**

1. By the authority of Arkansas Code Annotate § 17-82-308, a dentist who desires to practice his profession in the State of Arkansas may apply in writing to the State Board of Dental Examiners for a license by credentials pursuant to the following requirements:
  1. Applicant must be a graduate of an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited school, currently licensed in the state from which he is applying, and must have practiced continuously for a period of five years immediately prior to applying. The applicant may have participated in a post-graduate dental/medical education programs during the five years in order to satisfy the five year practice requirement.
  2. Applicant must file with the Board a completed Arkansas Dental License by Credentials Application approved by the Board.
  3. Applicant must request and authorize schools to provide the Board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of dentistry which issued D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and have the school send same directly from the school to the Board office.
  4. Applicant must be responsible for verification forms to be submitted by the State Board form every state where licensed whether license is current or not. Such forms should be sent directly from the State Board to this Board office.
  5. Applicant must have National Board Exam Card sent from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations office with said exam card reflecting passage of the National Board Exam. Photocopies are not accepted.
  6. Applicant must complete a comprehensive resume on forms furnished by the Board.
  7. Applicant must have letter submitted to the Board from two licensed dentists, practicing in the same locale of the state from which he is applying, attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing and ability.
  8. Applicant must have letters from the State and local Dental Association Peer Review Committee (if there is one) submitted setting forth information of record concerning the applicant.
  9. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) clearance and National Practitioner Data Bank inquiry will be initiated by the Board office.

10. Applicant must submit to the Board office a copy of a certificate showing current healthcare provider level of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and last two years history of continuing education.
11. Each applicant must supply to the Board a signed letter of intention to practice in this State within one year of receiving his license.
12. Applicant must pass the Arkansas Jurisprudence exam with a score of 75% as administered by the Board.
13. Applicant must submit a fee (to be determined by the Board) to the Board office with the application.

The application, resume, and all other supporting material shall be reviewed by the Board. The applicant shall present herself or himself before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board for a jurisprudence examination and a personal interview. The Board will review the application, resume, and all supporting material, as well as the result of the Jurisprudence Exam, and will approve or deny the application for licensure.

2. By the authority of Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-82-308, a dental hygienist who desires to practice his profession in the State of Arkansas may apply in writing to the State Board of Dental Examiners for a license by credentials pursuant to the following requirements:
  1. Applicant must be a graduate of an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited school, currently licensed in the state from which he is applying, and must have practiced continuously for a period of five years immediately prior to applying. The applicant may have participated in a post-graduate dental related education program during the five years in order to satisfy the five year practice requirement.
  2. Applicant must file with the Board a completed Arkansas Dental Hygiene License by Credentials Applications approved by the Board.
  3. Applicant must request and authorize schools to provide an official transcript with school seal from the school of dental hygiene which issued certificate or degree and have the school send same directly from the school to the Board office.
  4. Applicant must be responsible for verification forms to be submitted by the State Board from every state where licensed, whether license is current or not. Such forms should be sent directly from the state Board to this Board office.
  5. Applicant must have the National Board Exam Card sent from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations to the Board office. Said exam cards must reflect passage of the National Board Exam. Photocopies are not accepted.

6. Applicant must complete a comprehensive resume on forms furnished by the Board.
7. Applicant must have letters submitted to the Board from two licensed dentists, practicing in the same locale of the state from which he is applying, attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing, and ability.
8. Applicant must submit to the Board office a copy of certificate showing current healthcare provider level of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and last two years history of continuing education.
9. Applicant must supply to the Board a signed letter of intention to practice in this state within one year of receiving his license.
10. Applicant must pass the Jurisprudence Exam with a score of 75% as administered by the Board.
11. Applicant must submit a fee (to be determined by the Board) to the Board office with the application.

The application, resume, and all other supporting material shall be reviewed by the Board. The applicant shall present herself or himself before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board for a jurisprudence examination and a personal interview. The Board will review the application, resume, and all supporting material, as well as the result of the Jurisprudence Exam, and will approve or deny the application for licensure.